

DOE names Alice Q. Murphy Chief Financial Officer

John D. Wagoner, Manager of Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), today announced the appointment of Alice Q. Murphy as the new Chief Financial Officer. Murphy, who replaces the retiring Nadine Highland, becomes the second woman to hold the top financial post at the 560 square-mile Hanford Site near Richland, Washington.

Murphy is responsible for managing Hanford's \$1.4 billion budget and a staff of about 75 employees. As the financial chief at DOE, Murphy validates budget estimates of contractors and audits accounting systems to maintain financial accountability for various programs and projects. She also establishes budget policy and execution at Hanford.

"It's great to have Alice on board. She has a very impressive background in all aspects of financial management including accounting, budgeting, auditing, and procurement. Her resourcefulness and leadership is welcomed here at Hanford," said Wagoner.

Murphy, a native of Tennessee, is a Certified Public Accountant with 21 years of government service. She received a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Tennessee in 1974, and a master's degree in business administration from Bristol University in 1989.

Murphy has been a DOE employee throughout her civil service career. She spent the majority of her career in Tennessee at DOE's Oak Ridge Operations Office and the Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI).

Alice brings a wealth of valuable experience to Hanford which includes: an assignment as the Deputy Assistant Manager for Resource Management in 1984 at OSTI; an appointment to the highly competitive Women's Executive Leadership Program in 1985; selection to DOE's Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program in 1992; and lastly an appointment as the Chief Financial Officer of DOE's Ohio Field Office in 1994.

Other major accomplishments during her career include a special assignment as a member of the source evaluation board for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in 1982. She was a part of a team responsible for selecting a qualified contractor for a five year \$5 billion contract to build the nation's reserve of 60 billion barrels of oil following the Arab/Oil Embargo. She also served as DOE's liaison to the White House for Vice President Gore's National Performance Review in 1993 where she played a major role in identifying ways to cut red tape in the federal government.

"I am really pleased to be here at Hanford managing financial activities at the nation's largest environmental cleanup site. The quality of life in this community is really great, and I look forward to working with the talented professionals at DOE and the Hanford contractors," said Murphy.

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